

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A portal application, embodied ~~[[on]]~~ in a tangible computer readable medium, comprising instructions which when executed by a processor causes ~~[[a]]~~ the processor-based device to provide access through a network from a client to a multimedia service provider via a portal, the portal application comprising instructions for:

a portal core service ~~configured~~ to perform administrative services;

a user management core service ~~configured~~ to perform client related services; and

a plurality of special services distributed over the network, each structured according to a model-view-controller architecture, each of said special services comprising:

at least one model containing data;

a controller for the special service; ~~and~~

at least one view for ~~the~~ a presentation of the data of a model to the client~~[[,]]~~;

~~wherein~~ each of the plurality of special services ~~are designed to communicate~~ communicates with each of a remaining plurality of special services ~~directly~~, using a direct communication, via the controller of the special service,

the portal core service and the user management core service are located at the portal and the plurality of special services are located at the multimedia service provider,

the portal core service and the user management core service are configured to forward a request from the client to a first ~~of the~~ special service of the special services,
[[and]]

the first special service is configured to forward the request from the client to a second special service of the plurality of special services when the second special service has more specific information than the first special service, and

a direct communication link is established between the client and the second special service to provide service to the client.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The portal application according to claim 11, wherein the controller of a service is designed to control at least a second controller, wherein said second controller is contained in said service or in a different service.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The portal application according to claim 11, wherein the controller of a service is designed to control a plurality of views, each of said plurality of views allows a different presentation.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The portal application according to claim 13, wherein the controller of a service is designed to select one of the plurality of views of the service in accordance with a mark-up language used.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The portal application according to claim 14, wherein the controller is designed to select one of the plurality of views for the presentation in accordance with at least one of a browser characteristic of the client, device characteristics, a time and/or date, a location, a language, and one or more user preferences.

Claim 16 (New): A method to provide access through a network from a client to a multimedia service provider via a portal, comprising:

performing, by a portal core service, administrative services;
performing, by a user management core service, client related services;
providing a plurality of special services distributed over the network, each structured according to a model-view-controller architecture, each of said special services comprising:

at least one model containing data,
a controller for the special service, and
at least one view for a presentation of the data of a model to the client;

each of the plurality of special services communicating with each of a remaining plurality of special services using a direct communication, via the controller of the special service;

locating the portal core service and the user management core service at the portal and the plurality of special services at the multimedia service provider;

forwarding, by the portal core service and the user management core service, a request from the client to a first special service of the special services;

forwarding, by the first special service, the request from the client to a second special service of the plurality of special services when the second special service has more specific information than the first special service; and

establishing a direct communication link between the client and the second special service to provide service to the client.

Claim 17 (New): The method according to claim 16, wherein the controller of a service is designed to control at least a second controller, and

wherein said second controller is contained in said service or in a different service.

Claim 18 (New): The method according to claim 16, wherein the controller of a service is designed to control a plurality of views, each of said plurality of views allows a different presentation.

Claim 19 (New): The method according to claim 18, wherein the controller of a service is designed to select one of the plurality of views of the service in accordance with a mark-up language used.

Claim 20 (New): The method according to claim 19, wherein the controller is designed to select one of the plurality of views for the presentation in accordance with at least one of a browser characteristic of the client, device characteristics, a time and/or date, a location, a language, and one or more user preferences.